



Executive Director's Monthly Message

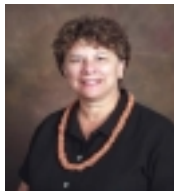
News about the tragedy suffered by residents in the South serves as a reminder for Hawaii residents that this is a good time to review the "basics" of preparedness. Making a plan is perhaps the most important step of a family's emergency preparedness.

The initial step begins with the acknowledgement that each family member knows their emergency plan. For example, in a situation of a pending hurricane, keep the following tips in mind:

- * Plan how you would contact each other at home, work or school.
- * Elderly residents who live alone should confirm plans with relatives and/or friends.
- * Know the location of your nearest shelter.
- * Gather supplies; food and water to last 24-72 hours.
- * Bring along important person papers, medical prescriptions and other supplies.
- * Identify an off-island family contact to collect and communicate individual locations and status when conditions allow, help everyone connect. Be sure everyone knows the family contact.

Plan to review the first few pages of the phone book regarding disaster preparedness, listen to the radio and heed the warnings of officials.

Mahalo,
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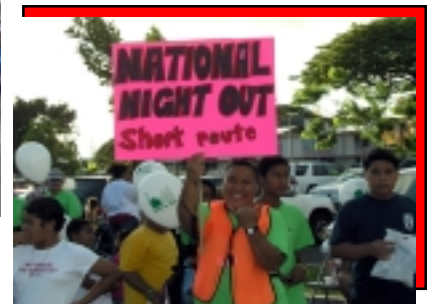
National Night Out 2005



The streets of Kuhio Park Terrace were full with excitement on a hot and humid summer evening. On August 18, 2005, the Kuhio Coalition consisting of the Kuhio Park Terrace Resident Association, Parents And Children Together and Weed & Seed – Site 1, sponsored the National Association of Town Watch's 22nd National Night Out. National Night Out is a nationwide celebration to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the fight for safer neighborhoods.

Festivities included a resident patrol walk, informational booths, delicious food, and talent by the youth of Kuhio Park Terrace. On hand to pass out certificates were U.S. District Attorney, Edward H. Kubo, Jr, and Weed & Seed Coordinator, Maile Kanemaru. The night concluded with a fire dancer who worked the crowd into a frenzy!

Special thanks to the following for participating in the event to make it a huge success: Kaahumanu Homes Resident Patrol, Kalakaua Homes Resident Association, Kalanihuia Resident Association, Kamehameha Homes Resident Patrol, Mayor Wright Homes Resident Patrol, Palolo Valley Homes Resident Patrol, Punchbowl Homes Resident Association, Puuwai Momi Resident Association, Spencer House Resident Association, Waimaha/Sunflower Resident Association.





Owning a pet is a big responsibility. Remember that if you own a pet, you must get your Manager's approval before you bring your pet to your unit. Applications can be filled out at your management office. A \$75 pet deposit will be required.

Once you get approval from your Manager, you must follow the rules that are in place. Your pet ownership may be revoked at any time due to any of the following reasons listed below.



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- The pet presents a threat to the safety and security of other tenants.
- The pet is destructive or causes an infestation.
- The pet disturbs other tenants for reasons which include but not limited to noise, odor, cleanliness, sanitation and allergic reactions.
- Tenants fail to pay the monthly non refundable pet fee on a timely basis.
- Written recommendation from the Resident Association and/or Project Pet Committee to revoke a tenant's pet ownership due to the lack of cooperation and responsibility in maintaining a pet.

For the full version of the Pet Policy, see your management office or visit the HCDCH website at www.hcdch.gov, click on Frequently Asked Questions, go to Public Housing, and look for Pet Policy



General News

Happy Halloween

Halloween is right around the corner, so the time is right to remind you of some tips to ensure your child has a fun and safe Halloween night.

- * Check that the costumes are flame retardant so that the children are not in danger when near lighted candles in jack-o-lanterns.
- * Keep costumes short to prevent your child from tripping or falling.
- * Use makeup instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and more importantly it may obstruct a child's vision.
- * Trick-or-treaters should always travel in a group. Parents should always accompany small children.
- * Make sure that someone in the group has a flashlight, in case there are some dark areas. Make sure that the group stays on well-lit streets.
- * After children have returned home, check their treats at home in a well-lit area.
- * Only unopened candies and treats that are in original wrappers should be eaten. Inspect all fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious.

Remember that Halloween can be a lot of fun for both parents and keikis, as long as you remember these tips to keeping safe.

Association News

Kalanihuia Resident Association



Congratulations to the Kalanihuia Resident Association for becoming a recently recognized resident association on August 18, 2005. After months of hard work and dedication, this resident association has successfully adopted by-laws and held elections in compliance with the HUD regulations (volume 24 CFR part 964).

Congratulations to:

President: Ms. Clarissa Hosino
Vice-President: Mr. Ding Hu
Secretary: Ms. Priscilla Deocampo
Treasurer: Ms. Ziao Ping Zhen
Sgt-at-arms: Mr. Louis Hosino

If your community is interested in starting a resident association, please contact the Resident Services Section at 832-5900.



Discipline...Commitment...Dedication...are values instilled in the young men and women of the Lawakua O Kalihi and Lawakua O Puuwai Momi Karate Club.

Established by Matt Levi with the assistance of Parents And Children Together, the Lawakua O Kalihi karate club consists of youth from Kuhio Park Terrace and Kuhio Homes while young men and women from Pu'uwai Momi in Aiea make up Lawakua O Puuwai Momi. You know there is a special bond between the two karate clubs just by the willingness of Lawakua O Kalihi to be instructors for the newly formed Lawakua O Puuwai Karate Club.

Although the club was created to teach martial arts, students must earn good grades and attend school to participate. Twice a year, the Lawakua karate club family consisting of Lawakua O Kalihi, Lawakua O Puuwai Momi, Lawakua O Hoku Ala and Lawakua O Kaahumanu Hale display their talents in a martial arts tournament. Awards for kata, team kata and a self-defense competition along with individual promotions are highlights of the day. But what everyone really looks forward to is the chance to meet other club members.

Memories...Friendship...Fun...will always be with the members of the Lawakua O Kalihi and Lawakua O Puuwai Momi.

Lawakua O Kalihi and Lawakua O Puuwai Momi Karate Clubs



Hurricane season in Hawaii lasts until the end of November, so you should know that if your island's civil defense puts out a Hurricane Watch, it means that hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours. If a Hurricane Warning is issued, it means that hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours or less. With today's advanced technology, there is adequate time to prepare and be safe through severe weather conditions to ensure our survival.

What makes hurricanes dangerous are that they combine the triple hazard of violent winds, torrential rains and abnormally high waves and storm tides capable of causing widespread destruction. Also, although the path may be predictable, it's been known to be erratic with unexpected changes in direction.

One aspect of hurricane preparedness is protecting your home. Here are some things you could do to protect your home in the event of a hurricane.

- * Tape up large windows and brace sliding doors.
- * Relocate/store/tie-down any equipment and loose items located inside your home.
- * Safeguard hazardous material.
- * Obey all orders to evacuate.

Remember that protecting your home is only one component in your preparation for a hurricane. In this month's Executive Director's message, Stephanie Aveiro also points out several tips to take in creating an emergency plan for your family.



Safety and Security

Protecting your Vehicle

Vehicle theft is the nation's number one property crime, costing over 8.4 billion dollars each year. Below are some simple tips for you to take to prevent professional thieves and joyriders from taking your vehicle.

- Lock it and pocket the keys even if you leave your vehicle for just a minute. Close the windows all the way and make sure the trunk is locked.
- Control your keys. Never leave an identification tag on your key ring. If your keys are lost, or stolen, this could help the thief in locating your car and may also lead to your home being burglarized.
- Don't leave your registration inside your vehicle. Important identification papers or credit cards should never be left in a glove compartment.
- Keep everything of value that you can in your trunk. If you leave packages, clothing, or other articles in the car, make sure they're out of sight or covered.
- Park in well lighted areas and busy areas. Avoid leaving your vehicle in unattended parking lots for long periods of time. If you park in a lot where you must leave your key, leave the ignition key only.
- When buying a car, ask about anti-theft options such as steering column locks, alarms, switches that interrupt the fuel or electronic systems, and locks for stereo systems and gas tanks. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to owners who install security devices.
- Keep your car's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and a complete description in a safe place at home.

PHA Plan - HCDCH's Planning Tool

In the September issue, we summarized components one through five of the PHA Plan. In this issue, we will provide short summaries on the next five components of the PHA Plan.

Component 6: Grievance Procedures. In this section, HCDCH provides information on the grievance and informal hearing and review procedures that are available to applicants and participants in public housing and Sec 8 programs. In an attempt to streamline the grievance procedures, steps have been developed that allow a hearing officer to be randomly picked from a list that HCDCH and the resident organizations have put together.

Component 7: Capital Improvement Needs: In this section, HCDCH describes the capital improvements, which are necessary to ensure that the public housing developments are in good physical shape. The component has two parts, capital fund activities and non-Capital Fund activities, which includes HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and replacement activities.

Component 8: Demolition and Disposition: Any demolition or disposition activities, which HCDCH has applied to with HUD for the upcoming fiscal year has to be described.

Component 9: Designation of Public Housing: In this section, HCDCH identifies any public housing units that are to be occupied by elderly families, families with disabilities, or both. In the current PHA Plan, HCDCH has not identified any of their properties to be used strictly for the elderly or for the handicapped.

Component 10: Conversion of Public Housing: This section focuses on any buildings that HCDCH has determined are no longer cost effective to fix. These units will then be converted to Section 8 tenant-based assistance. Currently, HUD has not identified any of HCDCH's sites to be converted to Section 8 tenant-based projects.

Remember, as you read on the different components of the PHA Plan, the plan serves as a planning tool to help HCDCH decide how it will reach its goals.